



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 6, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Yaroslavsky:

"The County zoning code's yard modification procedure allows property owners to request small modifications to certain zoning standards, including changes to the maximum allowable fence height within yard setbacks. At the same time, it allows the Regional Planning Department and the community to review these modification requests to ensure that they are consistent with a given neighborhood's character. With the one key exception of the Topanga Canyon Community Standards District, the yard modification procedure is available throughout the County, including areas within the adopted Santa Monica Mountains North Area Community Standards District and the proposed Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone Community Standards District. The fact that the yard modification procedure is unavailable in some parts of Topanga Canyon creates an unnecessary burden on property owners who are making a good faith effort to comply with the County's zoning rules. To remedy this situation, the yard modification procedure should be made available to residents within the Topanga Canyon Community Standards District while still preserving the most fundamental part of the Community Standards District: the strict and unalterable rules regarding gross structural area that are necessary to prevent mansionization on very small residential lots."

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, and on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Director of Planning was instructed to prepare an ordinance that authorizes the use of the yard modification procedure within the Topanga Canyon Community Standards District, with the existing rule that the gross structural area is not subject to any modification shall remain in effect.

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